

House Concurrent Resolution No.

Whereas, a permanent electronic identification device to track all red meat-producing livestock from farm to table would be a great protective device for anti-bioterrorism; and

Whereas, such devices would be useful to the producers of red meat-producing livestock in controlling diseases as a method of tracing such livestock back to the farm; and

Whereas, such devices would be beneficial in providing producers with livestock carcass information, including the rate of gain; and

Whereas, such devices would be most useful in generating information on the concept of "farm to table" to protect American consumers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby encourage the Animal and Plant Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to develop and promulgate a permanent electronic identification program to be used on all red meat-producing livestock that would gather information and help protect the United States' consumer in the event of a bioterrorist threat; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Offered by Representative Merrill M. Townley

Ted Wedel, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Terry L. Spieler, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. , adopted by the House of Representatives on , 2002, and concurred in the Senate on , 2002.

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Secretary of the Senate